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Mr. R. H. Calland/
City Manager
Beloit, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Calland:

Thank you very much for your letter of 27 March inviting me to participate on 6 May in the observance of Freedom Week in conjunction with the 125th Anniversary of Beloit.

Much as I would like to attend, I sincerely regret that I will be unable to accept your kind invitation. In view of my many official commitments, I have made it a policy to keep my outside engagements to a minimum and, unfortunately, I cannot make an additional commitment to join you at this time.

Your thoughtfulness in asking me to be with you on this occasion is indeed appreciated and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you every success in your event. For your information, I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Schuler.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Allen H. Dulles

cc:

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CITY OF INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE, EDUCATION

CITY MANAGER

March 27, 1961

Mr. Allan W. Dulles
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D.C.

Your presence on Saturday, May 6, 1961 at 5:00 P.M. in Beloit, Wisconsin is requested to participate in highlighting the observance of "Freedom Week" in conjunction with the 125th Anniversary of Beloit.

With the cooperation of the Armed Forces, Civilian Organizations such as the Navy League, the Naval Reserve Association, the Service Clubs and the Greater Beloit Association of Commerce, Beloit wishes to express itself as a "Pilot City" to all America in order to establish a "Freedom Week". The entire week beginning May 1st, will be activated with programs and discussions in all phases of Community Life such as: Schools, Churches, Civic Groups, Government Units and Clubs depicting the importance of the American Freedoms which are constantly being attacked from within and without. The prime purpose of this effort is to help awaken the people of America, that our "National Security" which makes possible our American Freedoms, is the responsibility of the people; not necessarily only the Military and those of the Government. The entire surrounding area of Beloit will express their concern by their support and appearance to this important event. The principal speaker will be Mr. Frank Garde Jameson, National President of the Navy League, a successful industrialist and dedicated American to this cause. His efforts have been featured in the February 14, 1961 issue of "Look" magazine. There will also be a Polaris presentation by Admiral Raborn's team, contributing to this effort.

Your presence is eagerly desired by our City because of the